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HIGH DRAMA



Marconi's speedster Peter Sharne literally flying in last week's match against APIA at Marconi Oval.

GOSFORD COULD BECOME A HABIT

The temporary marriage between Sydney City and Gosford was a huge success by any objective standards.

The 6730 attendance enjoyed every action-charged second of a match in which

the City team responded to a rare stimulus - a roaring, enthusiastic crowd, even allowing that the green white and brown of Newcastle predominated around the ground.

As home club, Sydney City reaped a bumper home ground gate.

President Frank Lowy said it could lead to their playing about four PSL games at Gosford next season.

The school holiday periods in May and August/September could provide some appropriate dates.

The Newcastle match is of course the only one likely to beat the 6,000 crowd mark: about half the attendance were Newcastle fans.

Central Coast Soccer Association officials Bill Northam and Bill Vrolyks said they would welcome future games by Sydney City in their booming area.

From the Gosford viewpoint, soccer on the Central Coast will never be the same again.

A steering committee has been established of top Gosford business and soccer people to guide the district towards PSL, or the Northern or Southern NSW State Leagues.

The Central Coast looks both to Sydney and

Newcastle, perched as it is as both a plain and a low mountainous area about midway between the major cities.

It will no doubt go close to reaching its planned population of 500,000 by the year 2,000.

The 26,000 member Central Coast Leagues Club backed the venture to a total \$3,000, and could not do enough to assist City promotions man John Warren.

NBN-3 and 2GO and the local press gave marvellous cover. Once again the value of TV and radio as promotional aids were proved.

CORRECTION

NSW Federation president Karl Rodny asked us to point out that his Federation never had any intention of withdrawing from the ASF, as we published last week, over the issue of ethnic club names. "We voted against the resolution and we are still opposed to it," he said. "But we intend to oppose it within the ASF, not outside of it."

The Philips League is about to produce a marvellously exciting finale to the 1979 season: 12 of the 14 teams are still engaged in some sort of a struggle, either for honors or for survival.

Two are exempt: Marconi have an eight-point lead at the top and must be regarded as the uncrowned champions, deserving every praise and congratulation.

At the other end, South Melbourne are now certain to finish last — a horrible demise for the team which came third in 1978 and which can now worry about its future.

But which three will join Marconi in the Top Four play-off series?

Sydney City, Heidelberg and Brisbane City are the favorites: they have the points and the form to go with it.

Brisbane City and Heidelberg have only one away game — plus Heidelberg has a postponed match to come this week; as for Sydney City, they revel when playing away from Sydney.

Adelaide City's form is erratic while Newcastle have gone off the boil.

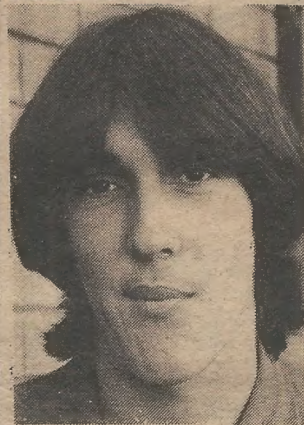
Still, in theory, one of them could explode into action and make the Top Four if somebody above them falters.

West Adelaide's chances are slim.

These are the Top Four prospects (Marconi as a certainty excluded) and their opponents, with home matches printed in black:

SYDNEY CITY (30): Olympic - Heidelberg - Canberra
BRISB. CITY (30): Footscray - Sth. Melb. - West Adelaide
HEIDELBERG (29): Brisb. Lions - Sydney City - Marconi
ADELAIDE CITY (27): Canberra - West Adel. - Bris. Lions
NEWCASTLE (27): Marconi - St. George - Footscray
WEST ADELAIDE (25): Sth. Melb. - Adel. City - Bris. City

* Heidelberg also plays Olympic this week, Wednesday, in Melbourne.



Eddie Krncevic



Ivo Prskalo

The battle against relegation has intensified.

Olympic and even Canberra have quietly slipped into the danger zone but, in theory, even APIA could be in trouble.

Canberra have an immensely tough draw and it wouldn't surprise us if they failed to collect more than one point — if that.

Olympic will also have their headaches, facing the top two teams in the next fortnight.

It's possible — even probable — that the relegation issue won't be decided until the very last minute of the 26th round.

At present Footscray and St. George are in the weakest position — but both have passable programs to come and could go into the last round with about 19 points.

The last round could be a heart-stopper.

The issue may be decided in the Olympic v St. George match or even at the Newcastle v Footscray clash with Canberra striving against Sydney City at Bruce Stadium.

On July 26 we tipped South Melbourne to finish last and St. George to be relegated with them, with Footscray as the other candidate.

Well, South Melbourne will finish last and the Saints and Footscray are still in deep trouble.

If both the Saints and Footscray are to escape, possibly Olympic or Canberra could take their place.

These are the relegation haunted teams and their matches to come:

APIA (21): St. George - Footscray - Sth. Melbourne
CANBERRA (20): Adel. City - Brisb. Lions - Sydney City
OLYMPIC (19): Sydney City - Marconi - St. George
BRISB. LIONS (19): Heidelberg - Canberra - Adel. City
FOOTSCRAY (17): Brisb. City - APIA - Newcastle
ST. GEORGE (17): APIA - Newcastle - Olympic

* Olympic plays Heidelberg this Wednesday.

EVANS SET TO GO BACK

South Melbourne's Alun Evans is almost certain to quit the club and return to Britain shortly.

The former star striker of Wolverhampton, Liverpool and Aston Villa is keen to rejoin a League club — provided they pay his airfare which wasn't part of his contract with South Melbourne.

This season everything went wrong for Evans and South Melbourne and it's certain that fans in the various Australian cities never saw the "real" Alun.

A few years ago he was one of the brightest prospects in the English game before his injury while with Liverpool



Alun Evans

2 TO 6

Conducted by Val Hokin
and Emmanuel Kanna



The 2nd division semifinals held last Sunday produced these finals: 1st grade - Bathurst '75 v Gladesville-Ravens; 2nd grade - Gladesville-Ravens v Guildford County; 3rd grade - Gladesville-Hornsby v Port Hacking, which incidentally is the order of the final points tables. These three matches will be played at Guildford Park on Sunday 2. In the 1st grade semifinals, Bathurst defeated Lethbridge Rangers 3-0. After an even first half, Bathurst came out to score three goals, from Adrian Pickup and two from Steven Turner. Gladesville-Ravens defeated Baulkham Hills 3-0. The first 45 minutes of the match showed a 0-0 draw at halftime. The second half saw Ravens score in the 15th minute when, from a freekick by John Woodford, Glen Johnson scored. Ravens' second goal came when after a cross by winger, David Naylor came from a long pass through midfield to Dennis McGrae who side stepped the goalkeeper to score. Ravens' outstanding players were defender Paul Ferriers, midfielder Glen Johnson and forward David Naylor.

The 3rd division final between Ashcroft and Artarmon, played at the neutral North Bankstown ground, ended in a 3-3 draw after extra time and will be replayed this weekend. Artarmon dominated the first half with Alan Eady displaying his great skills to lead the attack. For the second half Ashcroft reshuffled their team and powered their way into the lead. Had it not been for the great captaincy of Artarmon's Don Hosie, the game would have gone Ashcroft's way then and there.

The match started sensationally when after two minutes Paul Willabrand opened the scoring for Ashcroft. Artarmon equalised with a superb header from Martin Steel, then went 2-1 up at halftime when Steve Slade converted Jimmy Bell's cross. The second half saw Ashcroft more involved and with 25 minutes to go, Bob McDougall scored after a goalmouth scramble.

Almost immediately Ashcroft could have gone into the lead but Artarmon's brilliant goalie Graham Parker saved a penalty. Ashcroft eventually did grab the lead through a goal by Andy Everett. But almost straight from the restart, Eddie Murphy strode into Ashcroft's half and from 35 metres hammered a glorious shot into the roof of the net. Extra time saw Artarmon tire rather badly but no more goals were scored and a highly entertaining game ended in a fair draw.

4th division semifinals saw Namatjira through to the final after winning 2-1 against West Holroyd but the other game between Nth. Ryde and Holroyd Rangers finished in a 1-1 draw. Namatjira's goals came from John Lever and were it not for the good performance of the West Holroyd goalkeeper, the score could have easily been higher. West Holroyd fought hard and although scoring only one goal, made Namatjira fight very hard for the win. West Holroyd's goal was scored by Feros Bukfh. In the other semifinal the score was 0-0 after 90 minutes and the two goals in the 1-1 final result were scored in the first 10 minutes of extra time. Colin Jackson scored for Nth. Ryde and Julio Nazur for West Holroyd. In the 4th division 2nd grade it is going to be a Namatjira v Padstow final. Namatjira defeated West Holroyd 2-1 and Padstow won 2-0 against Paddington.

In the 5th division semifinals the premiers Canley Heights won both their matches. First grade won 3-1 against Haberfield and reserve grade 3-0 against Maccabi. First grade goal scorers were Ron Wheeler, Gary Rowlands and Andy Topic through combinations of midfielders Bobby Dalcol and Keith Gallagher. Outstanding players for the year for the Heights were sweeper Paul Neal and midfielder Ron Canclon. Reserve grade goal scorers were Les Kovacs from a penalty, Terry Och and Gary Rowlands. Sweeper Chris Gray had a good game as did Les O'Neil, stopper in cutting out many Maccabi attacks.

Fairfield West reserve grade defeated West St. George after a poor first half by the premiers with the Fairfields scoring their two goals within the first 15 minutes through two young 16-year-olds, Lee Fawcett and David Stromsch. The second half saw the Saints come out attacking but to no avail with Fairfield defenders playing well, especially goalkeeper Greg Humphries. One minutes silence was held in memory of the club's 23-year-old 1st grade midfielder and club treasurer, Alex Johnson who was tragically killed in a car accident last Friday night.

A scintillating goal and a desperate second half defence enabled Macquarie University to reach their first final beating Edensor 2-1. The first half saw Macquarie Uni dominate most of the play despite missing two regular first graders, Bob Jeffreys and Graham Mulligan. A great save from a penalty by goalie Graham Staples, 20 and a disputed own goal saw the halftime 1-0 in Uni's favor. The dismissal of midfielder Glenn Ford five minutes into the second half left Macquarie with 10 men — but 10 minutes later striker Dave Pilkington, 19 latched onto a perfect Northcote pass and slammed home his 11th goal in 11 first grade games, 18 for the season.

A shot by an Edensor midfielder deflected into the Macquarie goal with 15 minutes to go. Desperate defence and great determination saw the students last long enough against the keen but frustrated Edensor Park and go into the final against Canley Heights this weekend.

6th division premiers, Winston Hills took out both their semifinal matches after hard fought games last weekend. First grade won 1-0 against Blacktown Wanderers with the goal from captain coach Noel Telfer. Reserve grade won 2-1 also against Blacktown Wanderers with Vince Balzon and Dave Oliver scoring. The other first grade semi result was Chullora 3 v Moorebank 0 with Peter Lanham scoring twice in the first half. The third goal for Chullora came very late in the second half, from Ron Melrose. Chullora's outstanding player was newly promoted midfielder, Tony Morris.

The 5th Festival of Nations Knock-Out competition conducted by Guildford County, due to ground commitments, will now be run over October 21, 28 and November 4 and 11. Clubs from 4th, 5th and 6th division federation, Sydney Amateur League and District all-age teams are eligible and will compete for a winning Shield and player medallions, runners up trophy and consolation cup. In conjunction there will be a Round Robin Cup for four 2nd and 3rd division clubs to compete for. With enquiries please phone Val Hokin 604-3193.

CLUB PATROL

The Bankstown club will soon be organizing two junior cup competitions in the Under 10 and 12 age groups as a part of the 'Year Of The Child' celebrations.

Arnccliffe Scots will be taking three busloads of people down to Queanbeyan for their match against Inter Monaro this week. The players' bus and one group of supporters will leave on Saturday morning, while the other will depart on Sunday. The early birds, who arrive on Saturday, will be the guests of Canberra City for their home match against Adelaide City.

Arnccliffe Scots' ANDY TRACEY wasn't a very popular fellow the other week when the Scots went down to Auburn. Andy tragically missed a penalty, removing the chance for Scots to at least gain a point from the match. Andy swears that it was the first penalty he has missed since he came to Australia.

Arnccliffe will be holding their AGM early this year. It

will be on September 25, at the Sports and Social club. This AGM is only for the soccer arm of the club.

Two birthday boys in the Arnccliffe camp are NORM ROGERS, who turned 31 on Aug 29, and DAVE MARTIN who was 24 on Aug 25.

Croatia's talented young fullback ALEX KOVACIC missed last week's match after suffering a badly twisted ankle in the previous match.

Inter Monaro's CHRIS O'NEIL is gradually showing an improvement in form after a period in the doldrums. A favourite with the crowd, it will be a boost to the team if he is once again firing at his peak.

Inter Monaro's JOHN SANTOLIN could be out for another week or so with two broken toes. He suffered the injuries against Blacktown City, and they are slowly healing.

Dunlop have now completed their sponsorship in soccer with the referees and senior players. The lads in the NSW under 12,13,14 and 15 years

representative teams have all been provided with boots which will come into full use in the various national championships.

MANLY-Warringah Soccer Association's Coaching Seminar takes place at the Forestville RSL on Saturday September 8 from 10am. In charge will be Richard Alagich, the district's Director of Coaching.

Adelaide

— Vic Migliaccio —

History will be made on Saturday, September 30 when West Adelaide Soccer Club will join force with West Adelaide Aussie Rule Club and stage a day out for its supporters at the Richmond Oval. Among the activities will be a Runathon, free coaching clinics and Aussie rules and soccer matches between the two clubs. All proceeds to aid Channel 7's Eastern Appeal.

A Juventus veteran soccer match will be the curtain-raiser to the derby between Adelaide City and West Adelaide on Sunday, September 16. The game will kick off at 1pm. One of the organisers, former Juve star Max Haffa said that over 30 past players had shown interest. He mentioned top players like Roger Romanowicz, Charlie Horvath, Charlie Di Bartolo, Fulvio Pagani, Bruno Esca, Nilo Rusaleim, Joe Baggio, Alvaro Oliveira, Eric Norman, Steve Herczeg, Arnold Jennings and Tom Crawford.

Because of health reasons Carmelo Cannizzaro temporarily had to step down from his position as treasurer for Adelaide City (Juventus). Popular businessman Americo Fantasia has accepted the post.

The 1979 Rothmans League is over. Beograd are the champions while Lion will be relegated to the second division to make way to second division champions Port Adelaide. Last week's results: Assurri 0 Victoria 1, Campbelltown 1 Polonia 0, Lion 1 Beograd 1, Para Hills 4 Elizabeth 1, Croatia 1 Cumberland 2. Second division: Don 1 West Torrens 1, Windsor 1 Noarlunga 3, West Field 2 Modbury 1, Salisbury 1 Adelaide City 1, Orange 0 Port 2.

This Saturday (September 9) the Federation Cup Final will be played at Hindmarsh between Assurri and Port Adelaide.

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NEPEAN NOW PENRITH

A special general meeting of the Nepean Soccer Club has decided to change name to Penrith United.

The move came about as part of the agreement with Penrith Leagues club, which is sponsoring the soccer club to \$30,000 over three years. The club is aiming to reach State League status as quickly as possible.

As one of the main subsidiary cities of Sydney under the planning schemes, Penrith has an entity of its own.

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OFF TO NEW ZEALAND



The Wagga Wagga Junior Under 14 year-old soccer team left Sydney on Sunday for New Zealand, where they will play matches in Auckland and Rotorua. The young team, which has lost only two games in five years, raised money for the trip with raffles and bush dances. Picture shows from left, three team members: Gary Haskew, Robert Young and Phillip McDonald.

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COACH'S JOB STILL VACANT

The appointment of a fulltime Director of Coaching for NSW is being delayed by organisational problems.

The NSW Sports and Recreation Council says it will not consider giving any financial assistance until it receives a consolidated approach from soccer.

The Council claims that five bodies are involved in soccer coaching to State

level and that is four too many.

Northern NSW have Alan Vest in a part-time position and he has appointed regional directors throughout the country areas.

Just how much this systematic approach is succeeding will become apparent over the next two seasons or so.

NSW had its man in Joe Vlasits but he has been often on call for other coaching duties and this year has been overseas for some time.

The other States have their own fulltime directors.

More than 25 percent of their time is utilised at tertiary level, at Universities, Colleges of Advanced Education, Institutes of Technology, public and private Teachers' Colleges, etc.

An urgent conference is needed between Northern NSW and the NSW Federation to set up a joint approach to government.

—K. Gilmour

NSW

PEPSI STATE LEAGUE GRADE 1

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Croatia	15	7	1	51	21	37
Monaro	11	8	4	50	32	30
Sutherland	10	6	6	38	31	26
Melita	9	8	6	36	31	26
Blacktown	10	5	7	38	30	25
Avala	11	3	10	36	38	25
Auburn	10	4	9	39	36	24
Mv. Olympic	8	6	9	31	32	22
Parramatta	10	1	12	25	39	21
Bankstown	8	4	11	27	26	20
Ku-ring-gal	5	9	8	26	36	19
Manly	5	6	12	20	32	16
Arncliffe	5	5	14	27	43	15
Yugal	5	4	13	20	37	14

GRADE 2

Sutherland	17	2	2	64	12	36
Blacktown	13	4	5	31	21	30
Bankstown	12	4	7	42	27	28
Croatia	12	3	8	33	26	27
Auburn	10	6	8	29	28	25
Melita	9	7	7	30	22	25
Manly	7	10	6	23	18	24
Arncliffe	8	8	7	27	25	24
Ku-ring-gal	7	7	8	30	28	21
Parramatta	7	7	9	24	25	21
Mv. Olympic	7	7	9	25	35	21
Monaro	5	6	12	18	34	16
Avala	7	1	14	25	43	15
Yugal	—	4	17	5	58	4

GRADE 3

Auburn	15	5	2	47	17	35
Manly	14	4	4	68	17	32
Sutherland	14	4	2	47	10	32
Bankstown	13	6	3	32	24	32
Parramatta	11	6	4	37	22	28
Ku-ring-gal	9	6	5	36	18	24
Blacktown	7	6	6	31	30	20
Arncliffe	6	4	11	23	33	16
Croatia	5	3	13	24	40	13
Mv. Olympic	4	5	12	20	49	13
Melita	2	5	13	20	44	9
Avala	3	3	14	23	60	9
Yugal	2	5	12	14	54	9

FIRST DIVISION

GRADE 1

St. George	18	4	3	70	19	40
Nth. Sydney	15	6	4	40	22	36
Wollongong	14	5	5	38	30	33
Sydney City	15	2	8	56	33	32
Polonia	11	5	8	49	42	27
Revesby	10	6	8	43	30	26
Nepean	12	1	12	53	35	25
Uni. NSW	10	5	10	43	37	25
APIA	9	6	11	37	46	24
Belmore	8	7	9	28	45	23
Marconi	9	3	12	39	42	21
Warrington	6	6	13	25	47	18
Olympic	6	4	15	28	47	16
Blacktown	5	5	15	27	63	15
Queens Park	3	5	17	23	60	11

GRADE 2

St. George	16	4	4	69	25	36
Belmore	13	7	4	43	23	33
Marconi	14	4	4	47	20	32
Revesby	14	4	7	43	39	32
APIA	11	9	5	33	29	31
Wollongong	13	4	8	52	46	30
Sydney City	12	4	8	33	24	28
Nepean	10	7	9	49	44	27
North Sydney	12	3	10	35	31	27
Uni. NSW	9	5	11	42	39	23
Blacktown	7	5	13	30	49	19
Olympic	6	4	15	20	35	16
Polonia	5	5	13	27	36	15
Warrington	4	3	18	24	65	11
Queens Park	3	2	20	22	63	8

GRADE 3

Olympic	21	3	1	82	18	45
St. George	18	2	4	94	15	38
APIA	16	6	3	58	17	38
Marconi	18	2	2	55	19	38
Revesby	17	3	5	51	26	37
Nepean	14	4	8	54	41	32
Belmore	12	5	7	55	37	29
Wollongong	9	3	13	37	52	21
Nth. Sydney	7	6	12	31	41	20
Sydney City	5	9	10	30	36	19
Blacktown	4	6	15	27	60	14
Warrington	6	1	18	20	61	13
Queens Park	5	2	18	26	70	12
Polonia	3	2	21	16	60	8
Uni. NSW	2	3	19	22	76	7

New League can be ready for '80 start

There is no reason why the proposed NSW-ACT South Eastern League could not be under way in 1980.

All interested parties will meet in Canberra before October 6 to discuss the proposals.

The aim should be a maximum of eight clubs and those which need polishing up should have this done as it was done in the case of Queensland and Northern NSW.

Canberra have worthwhile units in Downer Olympic, Croatia-Canberra, West Woden Juventus and Canberra City Roos on offer.

The patterns used by Newcastle, Townsville, Tamworth, Coffs Harbour and others should be applied immediately to strengthen Goulburn, Cooma, Nowra and

Queanbeyan.

They should be promoted wherever the opportunities present themselves, using the Queensland State League guide and the Newcastle media presentation techniques.

In commercial context, Northern NSW is more closely connected with Brisbane than with Sydney, just as the Murray district of NSW looks more towards Melbourne.

Once the South Eastern League is settled, then it should be on to the next scene.

The Murray-Murrumbidgee area must be fixed because Albury, Wodonga, Wagga, Narandera, Leeton, Griffith and others require solution just as do the towns and cities of Central Western NSW.

—K. Gilmour

NEREO DOESN'T FIDDLE, CITY DOESN'T BURN



The way in which Brisbane City have put their season together after the disaster of 1978 is quite a remarkable achievement.

Imported striker Kevin Lowe has been pressing Mark Jankovics and others for the honor of leading scorer in the PSL.

Tall Barry Kelso, a Brisbane product and Kev Caldwell have also cracked in their fair share of goals.

The club's recruiting net has covered Queensland and NSW as well as Britain and in one case this year even Canada.

Bob Campbell has joined them 14 weeks ago from the Vancouver Whitecaps in the NASL.

Campbell's scoring touch had deserted him for a while but they still lost only once in his first 10 matches with the club.

Campbell had a season as top scorer with Huddersfield Town in the English fourth division.

He moved to Sheffield United in the second division for \$70,000 and repeated the feat there.

Two PSL Cups have proved that the club's teams are true fighters.

On both occasions Nereo Sattich was the man who carried them through.

On the first occasion he

only joined them for the last eight weeks of the season and for five weeks in 1978.

Sattich overcame more than his share of personal tragedy during both years—but this season he has had time to put it all together.

A personable, intelligent man—an accountant in his private life—Sattich is certainly one of Australia's most perceptive yet underrated coaches.

Perhaps, after Brisbane City's remarkable run in 1979, the underrated status will change somewhat.

MULTI-TV PROSPECT

The Australian Soccer Federation is in earnest negotiation not only with ABC Television — discussions are also taking place with the 9 and TEN networks.

In addition, a round of talks is being conducted with Lynnton Taylor, the general manager of PBL Sports Pty. Ltd., on a soccer promotional package.

This is designed to reach the community generally.

One particular aim is to provide the outlets under which budding young players are given the chance to clearly identify with their soccer idols.

PBL Sports covered World Series cricket, and have an ongoing commitment with the Australian Cricket Board of Control.

Their general expertise, plus close connections with both advertisers and the electronic and printed media could provide the link that is needed to bring soccer to the fore as a general community sport.

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

PEPSI STATE LEAGUE

Sutherland v Bankstown	2-3	3-2	4-0
Avala v Monaro	3-5	0-1	—
Blacktown v Parramatta	2-0	2-1	1-3
Manly v Auburn	1-4	0-0	0-0
Marrickville v Arncliffe	2-0	1-2	2-3
Croatia v Ku-ring-gal	1-0	0-2	1-1
Melita v Yugal	2-1	2-0	1-2

Division 1

Syd. City v Olympic	2-1	2-0	0-2
Queens Pk v Nth. Sydney	0-2	1-2	0-0
Belmore v Nepean	3-2	1-2	2-0
St. George v APIA	1-1	5-0	1-0
Wollongong v Blacktown	1-0	1-1	2-0
Polonia v Warrington	0-0	2-0	1-0
Revesby v Nepean	0-1	1-1	1-1
Syd. City v Nth. Sydney	1-2	1-0	0-1

Division 2: Semifinals:

3rd Grade

Pt. Hacking v Baulk. Hills	3-1
Glad. Hmsby v Dee Why	2-2 4-2 *

* on pen.

2nd Grade

Guildford v Glad. Hmsby	2-2 3-0 *
Glad. Rav. v Lethbridge	1-0

* on pen.

1st Grade

Glad. Rav. v Baulk. Hills	3-0
Bathurst v Lethbridge	3-1

Division 3 Finals

Campbelltown v Bondi	0-2
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1st Grade

Ashcroft v Artamon	3-3
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Division 4

Namatjira v W. Holroyd	2-1
Padstow v Paddington	2-0

1st Grade

Namatjira v W. Holroyd	2-1
Nth. Ryde v Holroyd	0-0

Division 5 Semifinals

Syd. Maccabi v Can. Hts.	0-3
W. St. Geo. v Fairfield W.	0-2

1st Grade

Canley Hts. v Haberfield	1-0
Edensor Pk v Mac. Uni.	1-2

Division 6 Semifinals

Winston H. v Blacktown	2-1
Moorebank v L'pool City	3-2

1st Grade

Winston H. v Blacktown	1-0
Moorebank v Chullora	0-3

LETTER TO EDITOR

As a naturalised Aussie and one who loves soccer, may I say a few words?

My family and usually one or two friends always make a point of watching a game on Sundays.

We all support different teams, so our outings are never dull.

Our involvement in non-political and non-racist.

There is only one team we agree on and that is Australia or NSW.

We live in Blacktown, so a trip into town in heavy traffic, rain, hail or shine, even heatwave, is not easy.

But where are all the Aussie supporters?

According to a recent survey, one in three boys plays soccer. So why don't their families support the game at senior level?

Aussie soccer lover Blacktown

(Name and address supplied but withheld at the writer's request.)

The replies to the question of ethnic names **SOCCER WORLD** received from the Sydney clubs (Aug. 16) has prompted me to add my own.

It seems that the predominance of ethnic representation over a district flavor has been one of the factors that has long hindered the development of senior soccer as a spectator sport.

While many ethnic clubs have undoubtedly economic and administrative capacity to remain at the top, they have only a limited and usually diminishing spectator base.

Those clubs representing large migrant communities are obvious exceptions.

APIA, Marconi and Sydney Olympic are clearly here to stay but for others without the large Greek and Italian populations it will be much more difficult.

It is not enough to simply change a club name. Such changes, where economic and political control remain in the hands of the sponsoring ethnic clubsmen are superficial.

One need look no further than Sydney City and St. George for samples that this policy doesn't work at all and is not even in the best interests of the game.

It is here that the development of soccer reaches an impasse.

The reverse seems to be true of district clubs. They do have the potential for a wide spectator base but, as yet, have not delivered the goods.

The enormous success of Newcastle shows quite clearly soccer's true potential—given the economic and administrative efficiency needed to activate that latent support.

The creative inputs and expertise that ethnic clubs have injected into local soccer have been of enormous benefit.

—Barry Morris

Greenwich, NSW

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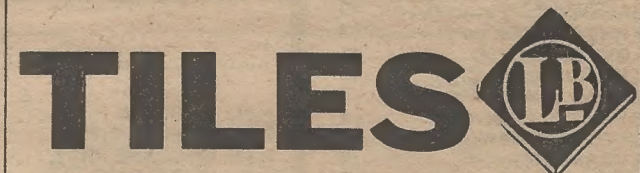
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SYDNEY CITY 2(1)	ST. GEORGE 0	MARCONI 2(1)	CANBERRA 1(1)	BRISBANE LIONS 0	ADELAIDE CITY 3(0)	FOOTSCRAY 0
NEWCASTLE 0	BRISB. CITY 1(1)	APIA 0	HEIDELBERG 2(1)	SYDNEY OLYMPIC 0	STH. MELBOURNE 0	WEST ADELAIDE 1(0)

Goals: 1-0 Trenter (25m), 2-0 Silva (74m).

SYDNEY CITY: Clarke 4, Mullen 5, O'Connor 3, Stevenson 4, Watson 4, Barnes 4, Silva 3 (Campbell 78m), Bruce 4, Ker-shaw 4, Trenter 4, Souness 5. Coach: G. Chaldi.

NEWCASTLE: Dando 4, Willis 3, Drinkwater 4, Bertogna 3 (Cowburn 46m), Boden 4, (Mason 80m), Heys 4, Senkalski 4, Sneddon 4, Tredinnick 3, McClelland 3. Coach: A. Vest.

Referee: T. Davies. Crowd: 6730. Caution: Mullen.

Sydney City gained their fourth straight win at Newcastle's expense since the latter joined the PSL in a tremendously exciting encounter before a wildly enthusiastic Gosford crowd.

The difference between the sides was that City were on the ball, whilst Newcastle were doing their not inconsiderable best in the absence of giant defender Bill Summerscales through injury.

Kevin Mullen's raids from right-back were the means of City's ability to continually come forward. Ian Souness started up some glorious moves. At 21 he is maturing rapidly into a player of real class.

Attacks came early through Mark Trenter and Joe Watson. After some well sustained pressure City went to a 1-0 lead after Bertogna instinctively struck a ball back to Dando in almost professional fashion. Trenter anticipated the move and stole possession to slide the ball past Dando.

Joe Senkalski put it all together for Newcastle clipping a short pass to Ken Boden's heels by accident when a goal was certainly on.

— K. Gilmour.

Goal: Brusasco (2m).

ST. GEORGE: Fraser 3, Harris 3, Utjesenovic 4, Grosse 2, R. O'Shea 3, Gnavi 2, Mihajlovic 2 (Kay 60m), J. O'Shea 2, Cotton 3, Fenoughty 2, O'Connor 3. Coach: R. Blanco.

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart 4, Perry 4, Ratcliffe 3, Potter 4, Wilkinson 3, Pimblett 4, Garrney 4, Coyne 4, Brusasco 3, Campbell 4, Low 3, (Caldwell 55m). Coach: N. Saftich. Referee: P. Rampley. Crowd: 2100. Cautions: Potter, Caldwell, Campbell.

This was a case of light cavalry against tanks; a soft, over-embroidered St. George against a fiercely competitive, strong and straight-forward Brisbane City.

The early goal clearly cancelled out whatever battle plan the Saints might have had; a careless backpass, stolen by the alert Brusasco resulted in a goal which turned out to be the decider.

Later in the game both teams missed a penalty, given for foul tackles — yet the usually vigilant Rampley and his linesman missed a glaring, deliberate handball within the box by Wilkinson in the 27th minute.

The battle was won and lost in the midfield where the Queenslanders won something like 7 balls out of 10 — and immediately used them to stretch the defence.

Brisbane City gave a practical demonstration of a simple, virile yet effective English type of soccer with precise long balls, extremely hard tackling and constant backing up.

The Saints, on the other hand, got bogged down with their intricate closed circuit patterns largely because their passing was woeful.

— A. Dettre

Goals: 1-0 Sharne (22m), 2-0 Krncevic (56m).

MARCONI: Maher 3, Brogan 4, Russell 5, Prskalo 5, Degney 4, Henderson 4, Byrne 5, Vieri 3, Jankovics 4, Krncevic 4, Sharne 4. Coach: L. Scheinflug.

APIA: Woodhouse 3, Skellern 4, Pullen 3, Wilson 4, Dempsey 3, Rampanti 4, Reed 3, Butler 4, Roberts 3 (Drews 60m), Stone 3, Vernon 3 (Turnbull 60m). Coach: R. Richards.

Referee: B. Bambridge (Vic); Crowd: 10,830; Cautions: Henderson, Vieri, Jankovics, Pullen, Dempsey, Roberts. Sent off: Reed.

Rampanti started many promising movements for APIA through his clever passing and control and was well supported by Butler in midfield.

The match had more than a touch of urgency about it which produced many spiteful tackles and incidents, with no less than seven cautions and one expulsion.

Prskalo again showed his class while Russell was a tower of strength in the solid Marconi defence.

APIA's Roberts shadowed Vieri and played him out of the game but Gary Byrne in midfield was sharp winning a lot of balls and his sizzling passes always found the well positioned front runners.

Pullen was having difficulty holding Sharne and it wasn't surprising when the Marconi speedster bobbed up in front of the goal to slot Jankovics' pass into the net.

It was a beautiful pass from Byrne which put Sharne in the clear; he sprinted almost to the goal, then slipped the ball to Krncevic to tap the ball into the unguarded net.

— A. Henderson

Goals: 0-1 Buljevic (2m), 1-1 Farrell (32m), 1-2 Milovanovic (o.g. 75m).

CANBERRA: Hoszowski 4, Moulis 4, Milovanovic 3, Hogg 3, Stark 4, Kawalewa 2 (Lustica 68m), Farrell 4, Byrne 4, Brown 3, Cant 3, McLaren 3. Coach: V. Fernandez.

HEIDELBERG: Banovic 4, Yzendoorn 3, Tansey 3, McMillan 3, Bannan 3, Taylor 4, Rooney 3, Cole 4, Campbell 4, Paton 3, (Bozikas 74m), Buljevic 3. Coach: M. Poulakakis.

Referee: K. Allan; Crowd: 2200; Cautions: Yzendoorn, Brown.

When Buljevic headed home a goal in the second minute, it became obvious that Canberra, the underdogs, will have to fight resolutely to make amends.

This they did with Byrne, Farrell and Hogg giving their best in the first half.

When Isaac Farrell cannoned a freekick into the Heidelberg goal off the upright to level the score, Canberra sensed victory.

In the 35th minute Campbell, one of the most dangerous Heidelberg strikers, chipped a magnificent lob over Hoszowski only to have the goal disallowed because a team-mate was offside.

The second half was just as competitive as the first. Hoszowski saved a point-blank shot from Gary Cole who, however, wasn't having one of his most effective matches.

In the 75th minute Andy Bozikas, who proved to be a livewire substitute for Paton, burst towards the goal.

Milovanovic intercepted, trying to pass the ball back to his goalie, Hoszowski, but succeeded only in pushing it into his own goal.

— P. Kunz

BRISBANE LIONS: Lown-des 4, Lawrie 2, Her-miston 3, Bennett 4, Ontong 3, Ogden 3, Spearritt 3, Millman 3, Connor 2 (Hughes 46m), Fairbrother 3, Brennan 3. Coach: M. Carson.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Wilson 4, Laing 3, Bell 4, Wilson 3, Rowden 3, Jamieson 3, Raskopolous 3, Cross 3, Jennings 2, Eaton 2, Scott 3 (McIntosh 38m). Coach: J. Xipolitas.

Referee: B. Jones (Newcastle); Crowd: 1050. Caution: Ontong

This game was a disgrace to the Philips League.

Olympic made their philosophy quite clear in the first 20 minutes by kicking everything anywhere, balls flying right, left and centre but seldom if ever in a constructive manner.

Lions attacked almost constantly but as time passed the frustration that creeps into players when faced with ultra negative football began to show in even the most experienced of their players.

In 90 minutes of soccer it is only possible to recall two highlights, one when Wilson kicked a Millman shot off the line when his namesake was beaten.

Then the young 'keeper did well to touch a Fairbrother drive over the bar.

In between these incidents we had 90 minutes of boredom.

With soccer like this it is little wonder that Sydney Olympic do not realise the potential they should have among their huge ethnic support.

What Philips League manager John Frank thought about this showing can only be conjecture but his sympathy must have gone out to the 1000 customers who had paid \$3 to be "entertained".

— J. Binnie

Goals: 1-0 Kent (51m), 2-0 Villani (62m), 3-0 Perin (81m).

ADELAIDE CITY: Marshall 4, Russell 5, Dods 4, B. Nyskohus 4, Perin 4, Muniz 4, Marwe 3 (Melta 46m), Marocchi 4, Villani 5, J. Nyskohus 4, Kent 4. Coach: R. Rasic.

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Boland 3, Kalafatidis 4, Pye 4, Kyriakoulas 3 (Carr 77m), Baxter 4, Lut-ton 4, Ristovski 3, Evans 3, Campbell 3, Kakan-tonis 3, Wright 3 (Cum-mings 65m). Coach: J. Margaritis.

Referee: H. Witschge (NSW); Crowd: 2200; Cautions: Melta, Baxter, Carr.

An aggressive second half display enabled Adelaide City to avenge their earlier away loss to South in this pulsating encounter.

City clearly held the whip hand even during the goal-less first term, but they were not able to convert their superiority to the scoreboard until after the interval.

City manager-coach Rale Rasic steered his team to the revival by switching young Charlie Villani to the wing and taking John Perin from sweeper to the mid-field.

The all-out attacking policy clicked into place when Chris Kent nodded a header past Dennis Boland after energetic full-back Bobby Russell had lobbed accurately into the goalmouth.

Exciting prospect Villani made it 2-0 for City when he slammed a rebound home to capitalise on a take-on-all-comers run by Johnny Nyskohus.

Skipper Perin expertly gathered a rebound to waltz into the box before planting a firm drive into the net and City seemed set for a bonus point.

With this win, Adelaide City not only bounced back into form but also into Top Four Calculations.

— A. Crisp

Goal: McGregor (86m).

FOOTSCRAY: Potter 5 (Circ 45m), O'Reilly 4, Ristic 3, Lujic 3, Kon-darios 4, Jovanovic 5, Palinkas 4, Rujevic 4, Picloane 4, Ollerton 4, Hazabent 3. Coach: McLachlan.

WEST ADELAIDE: Crook 5, Tymczyszyn 4, Pant-saris 3, McCullough 2, Kambas 3, Jones 4, Boyle 4, Kosmina 3, Norris 3, Dooley 4, McGregor 4. Coach: T. Forde.

Referee: A. Beazleigh; Crowd: 1400; Cautions: McCullough, O'Reilly, Kambas, Norris, McGregor, Hazabent. Sent off: Rujevic.

Early rough-house tactics from West Adelaide's defenders gave the referee a difficult game to control.

The number of bookings prove the point. Only Ollerton could counter the crushing play from McCullough, Kambas and Pantaris.

West Adelaide attacked strongly in the first half with Potter saving a McGregor shot only to receive a Norris knee to the forehead, requiring a four-minute break for first aid.

Five minutes later Rujevic was ordered off for striking after a confrontation with McCullough.

The second half was a fine exhibition of soccer, and Footscray were playing so well that they would have tossed any other Philip's League side on that form.

An Ollerton shot well saved by Crook, and a West attack saw Kosmina chip over to be headed in by McGregor with only four minutes to go.

Jovanovic gave everything in a last minute effort to square the ledger.

— J. Stephen

TOP PSL SCORERS

JANKOVICS (Marconi).....	16
KRNCEVIC (Marconi).....	13
LOW (Brisb. City).....	11
SMITH (Sydney City).....	10
BODEN (Newcastle).....	9
BYRNE (Canberra).....	9
COLE (Heidelberg).....	9
SHARNE (Marconi).....	9
BRENNAN (Bris. Lions).....	8
DEANS (Adel. City).....	8
BARNES (Sydney City).....	7
COTTON (St. George).....	7
DRINKWATER (Newcastle).....	7
KENT (Adel. City).....	7
O'CONNOR (St. George).....	7
PATON (Heidelberg).....	7

Before the start of the Sydney City-Newcastle game in Gosford a one minute silence was observed for Hakoah Club director Les Koitai, who died overseas last week.

PHILIPS LEAGUE TABLE

	AGGREGATE										HOME										AWAY									
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	BP	TP	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
1 (1) MARCONI.....	23	14	6	3	53	27	34	4	38	12	6	4	2	23	16	16	11	8	2	1	30	11	18	12	6	3	3	16	15	15
2 (2) SYDNEY CITY.....	23	13	3	7	43	26	29	1	30	12	6	1	5	24	19	13	11	7	2	2	19	7	16	12	6	3	3	16	15	15
3 (3) BRISBANE CITY.....	23	12	5	6	34	25	29	1	30	11	6	2	3	18	10	14	12	6	3	3	16	15	15	12	5	3	4	20	17	13
4 (5) HEIDELBERG.....	22	11	6	5	36	26	28	1	29	10	6	3	1	16	9	15	12	5	3	4	20	17	13	12	6	3	3	16	15	15
5 (6) ADELAIDE CITY.....	23	10	6	7	38	27	28	1	27	11	4	3	4	15	14	11	12	6	3	3	23	13	15	12	4	4	4	18	17	12
6 (4) NEWCASTLE.....	23	9	8	6	38	28	26	1	27	11	5	4	2	19	11	14	12	4	4	4	18	17	12	11	4	2	5	11	17	10
7 (7) WEST ADELAIDE.....	23	10	4	9	28	27	24	1	25	12	6	2	4	17	10	14	11	4	2	5	11	17	10	12	5	1	6	13	16	11
8 (8) APIA.....	23	9	3	11	25	31	21	—	21	11	4	2	5	12	15	10	12	5	1	6	13	16	11	12	4	4	4	13	14	12
9 (9) CANBERRA.....	23	6	8	9	24	33	20	—	20	11	2	4	5	11	18	8	12	4	4	4	13	14	12	11	5	2	4	14	11	12
10(10) OLYMPIC.....	22	7	5	10	22	24	19	—	19	11	2	3	6	8	13	7	11	5	2	4	14	11	12	11	3	4	4	10	14	10
11(11) BRISBANE LIONS.....	23	7	5	11	25	38	19	—	19	12	4	1	7	15	24	9	11	3	4	4	10	14	10	12	4	1	7	12	19	9
12(11) FOOTSCRAY.....	23	7	3	13	23	37	17	—	17	12	4	1	7	12	19	9	11	3	2	6	11	18	8	11	3	2	6	11	18	8
13(13) ST. GEORGE.....	23	6	5	12	25	41	17	—	17	12	3	3	6	12	20	9	11	3	2	6	13	21	8	11	1	1	9	5	25	3
14(14) STH. MELBOURNE...	23	4	3	16	20	43	11	—	11	12	3	2	7	15	18	8	11	1	1	9	5	25	3	11	1	1	9	5	25	3

BP: Bonus points for wins by 4 goals or more.
TP: Total points.

Olympic's John Xipolitas: "I am very happy with a point. I was quite confident before coming here but the team played badly and in the position we are in a point away from home is a good performance."

Former Socceroo captain Gary Marocchi of Adelaide City played his first full PSL game for months against South Melbourne and came through with flying colors. Big Jimbo Muir played for City's second division team against Salisbury United at central striker and notched a goal in the 1-1 draw. Marocchi and Muir now seem set for selection in City's home run league bid and for the Philips Cup final against St. George on September 30.



PHILIPS SOCCER LEAGUE '79





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THE WEEK THAT WAS

• Strong rumours afloat suggest that Rale Rasic may be leaving Adelaide City shortly and return to take over one of the Sydney PSL clubs.

• Rudi Gnavi's lucrative three-year contract is about to expire with St. George and the polished Argentinian may be hard pressed to get the same terms after 1979.

• Are the trends changing? Of the five Sydney PSL clubs, only one, Marconi has a fulltime manager-coach in Les Scheinflug.

• Sydney City coach Gerry Chaldi: "Kevin Mullen played brilliantly, I think he was the best man on view at Gosford."

• St. George have signed former Croatia and Newcastle goalie Don Smith as an understudy to Mike Fraser. Martin Coe is likely to leave at the end of the season for Brisbane.

• Former Italian national team manager Ferruccio Valcareggi arrived in Sydney last week at the invitation of the APIA club.

• Vic Fernandez, Canberra City: "I thought we could have had a win today. We needed the breaks after seven matches without victory."

• Heidelberg's Manny Poulakakis: "Campbell's disallowed goal was one of the best I've seen this year. The man who was offside was certainly not interfering with the play."

• Canberra's midfielder John Davies had to miss the last two matches because of a virus flu.

• Nereo Saftich, Brisbane City: "We gave a solid performance. Not a pretty match but I think we did enough to win."

• Brisbane City's Barry Kelso, having served his one week suspension, will be eligible to return on Sunday — but Saftich may be hard pressed to find a slot for him in his team.

• South Melbourne coach, John Margaritis: "How can you motivate a side when the players know that it is impossible to escape relegation? We played badly, but I was not impressed by the referee."

ST. GEORGE 2(0)
HEIDELBERG 2(1)

Goals: 0-1 Paton (35m), 0-2 Campbell (60m), 1-2 O'Connor (82m), 2-2 O'Connor (85m).

ST. GEORGE: Fraser 4, Harris 3, Utjesenovic 5, Della Picca 4, R. O'Shea 3, Mihajlovic 3, Gnavi 4, J.O'Shea 4, Cotton 4, Hensman 4 (Fenoughty), O'Connor 5. Coach: R. Blanco.

HEIDELBERG: Banovic 4, McMillan 4, Bannon 4, Yzen-doorn 4, Tansey 4, Taylor 4, Rooney 6, Campbell 4, Cole 4, Paton 4, Buljevic 5. Coach: M. Poulakakis.

Referee: T. Davies. Crowd: 2466.

The opening of the St. George Stadium lighting installation signalled a great game of football which Heidelberg might have won with a bonus point, but ended up being lucky to draw.

The game featured such precise passing and along the carpet work that it was a delight to watch. Certainly Heidelberg earned themselves more than a distinct edge, and no-one did more than Jim Rooney, who absolutely excelled.

He was there forcing the moves in his best style, and when the pressure was on he could be found heading the ball clear in his own empty goalmouth.

Some brilliant interception by Doug Utjesenovic kept the visitors scoreless until the 35th minute. At that stage Rooney tossed over a high ball, Fraser failed to punch clear enough, and Paton punished him with an angled shot.

Young Fraser showed absolute class, however, by turning in the air to save a Ken Taylor shot.

In the 60th minute a cross by Buljevic was volleyed by Campbell into the net for a 2-0 lead.

With the crowd moving out, it was left to the amazing Phil O'Connor to float a high ball over Banovic into the Heidelberg net and follow up by coming through the centre with Fenoughty and slipping in the equaliser from short range.

— K. Gilmour

BRISBANE LIONS 2(1)
APIA 1(0)

Goals: 1-0 Spearritt (36m), 2-0 Fairbrother (68m), 2-1 Stone (90m).

BRISBANE LIONS: Lowndes 4, Lawrie 3, Hermiston 4, Bennett 4, Ontong 5, Ogden 3, Spearritt 3, Millman 3, Brennan 3 (Hughes 80m), Fairbrother 4, Connor 3. Coach: M. Carson

APIA: Woodhouse 4, Skellern 3, McGinn 3, Dempsey 4, Turnbull 3, Stone 4, Butler 4, Carruthers 4, Rampanti 4, Reed 3, Roberts 3 (O'Donnel 78m). Coach: R. Richards.

Referee: B. Mee (A.C.T.); Crowd: 950; Cautions: Brennan, Turnbull, McGinn

The first goal was a gem; Lowndes to Hermiston, Hermiston down the left to Brennan, Brennan to Millman whose cross was headed down to Spearritt who despatched an unsaveable 25-metre shot past Woodhouse.

They went further ahead when Fairbrother was allowed a touch to a Brennan lay-off.

APIA's lone goal had a touch of doubt. Stone hit a shot straight towards Lowndes, the linesman immediately raised his flag signalling offside but the ball had struck a defender, screwed high in the air over Lowndes and down under the bar. The referee allowed it to stand.

— J. Binnie



Marconi's young striker Peter Sharne celebrates the 1979 PSL Championship.



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THIS WEEK

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Newcastle v Marconi.....2.30, Int. Sports Centre
Canberra v Adelaide City.....3, Bruce Stadium

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Sydney Olympic v Sydney City.....3, Barton Park
APIA v St. George.....3, Wentworth Park
Heidelberg v Brisbane Lions.....3, Olympic Park
West Adelaide v Sth. Melbourne.....2.30, Hindmarsh
Brisbane City v Footscray.....3, Perry Park

NEXT WEEK

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Footscray v APIA.....Middle Park

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Sydney City v Heidelberg Utd.....Wentworth P., 3pm
Marconi v Syd. Olympic.....Marconi Stadium, 3pm
St. George v Newcastle.....St. George Stadium, 3pm
South Melbourne v Brisbane City.....Middle Park, 3pm
Adelaide City v West Adelaide.....Olympic Field, 2.30pm
Brisbane Lions v Canberra.....Perry Park, 3pm

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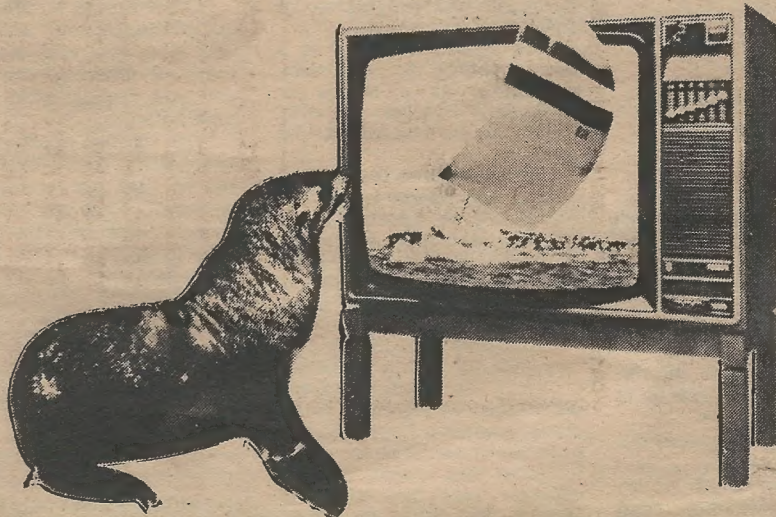
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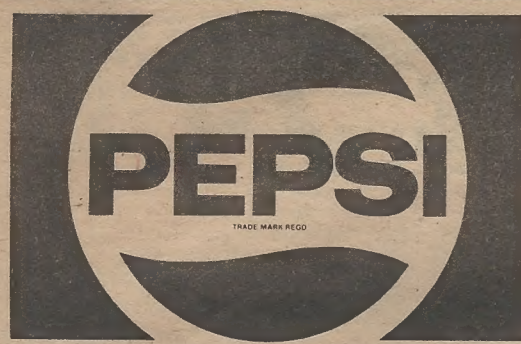
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WEST ADELAIDE	★ 0-2		1-2	1-0	1-0	0-1	0-3	1-1	2-1	1-1	5-0	2-0	2-1	1
SYDNEY CITY	3-0	★ 2-0	0-4		1-1	3-1	3-4	2-3	2-3	2-0	3-0	2-10	1	1
S. MELBOURNE	3-4	1-2	★ 1-2	0-13	0-2	0-1	0-1	2-1	0-1	2-1	1			
MARCONI	2-1	1-0	6-0	★ 0-4	0-1	2-1		3-0	4-4	2-1	0-0			
HEIDELBERG	3-12	2-2	2		★ 1-0		2-11	0	2-4	2-1	0-0	0-0		
BRIS. LIONS	2-3	1-2	2-0	0-4	1-3	★ 2-3	0-0	2-1	0-6	3-0	1-0		1-2	
ST GEORGE	2-0	0-5	1-0	1-1	2-2	1-1	★ 2-0	1-2	0-2		0-2	2-4	0-1	
OLYMPIC	2-0	1-1	1-0	3-1	2-0	1		★ 1-2	1-1	3-3	2-0	0-0	0-1	
APIA	0-1	0-3		0-0	1-0	2-1	2-10	2	★ 1-1	1-3	3-23	0-1	2	
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FOOTSCRAY	0-1	1-0	0-2	0-5	2-2	3-11	3-0	1		0-2	2-0	★ 1-22	0	
CANBERRA	0-0		3-2	3-1	1-2	1-21	1-1	3	0-0		1-5	0-3	★ 0-0	
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"Our club is all in favour of having only two grades," said Arncliffe's Dave Dorian.

"However, there still are some problems with such a system.

"The proposal suggests that there be an Under 14, 16 and 18 series, but we feel that it is wrong to lump the Under 18s with the juniors.

"That age group will be very important, because it will be the jump off point into the reserve team," he said.

"The idea of having two grades is a fine one.

"There is far too much football being played on match days, and this is a big problem for officials and players alike.

"When we travel, we always have to leave very early, because the third grade matches start before noon.

"A severe strain is placed on officials, who have to work tirelessly throughout the day.

"Also, it may help the referees situation, because they will have one less match to worry about, and the officials will be fresher for the top two matches.

"I think that on the whole the 'two grade' system will satisfy everyone," Dave added.

AUBURN

Auburn's chances of making the top four took a giant step forward last weekend with their 4-1 defeat of Manly and the losses of both Sutherland and Avala.

"We are now really in a terrific struggle," said an Auburn spokesman last week.

"We are three places out of the four, yet we are only two points behind Melita.

"We had thought that the chase was up, but soccer is a funny game, and now we look like being in the hunt till the very end.

It was good to see Auburn's strikers get on target last week, especially against Manly who have a reputation for a rugged and uncompromising defense.

Bruce Tilt and Steve Montgomery have been Auburn's chief spearheads this year, working well together.

It was also noticeable that two defenders got onto the scoring lists - Ron Cornett and Gary Fairclough.



"This year, for the first time, our club decided to push ahead with a youth policy," said an Avala official.

"For far too long we have relied entirely upon buying players for our first team.

"Players we had in our reserve teams were never quite able to make the grade.

"Now we plan to groom our own stars," he said.

"So the new youth policy comes at a very interesting time for us, because we will be able to capitalise upon it early.

"The idea of a group of nursery teams is an excellent one - and it is used all over the world.

"We have come to realise that at an early age our Australian boys have an equal amount of initiative and talent as anyone their own age in Europe.

"What we lack though are coaches, and a proper system to see that they are brought up through the ranks at a steady and proper rate.



"The move to have only two grades is one of the most positive ones since the start of the State League," said Bankstown's Stan Peck.

"A lot of the clubs are perhaps thinking that the move will be a financial saving.

"That is one aspect which will be of great benefit to all clubs.

"But it is not the only thing we should think of," he said.

"I feel that this move will help to improve the standard of soccer.

"At present we have to find the numbers to fill three grades.

"Most of the time the standard of those boys is not taken into consideration - now it will be.

"Now the second grade will be a reserve team for first grade, and no longer a limbo for those not good enough to go any further.

"Now we should be able to have quality players in our second teams, with players who will be the future of the game.

"The youngsters will be well looked after in the Under 14, 16 and 18 teams, and I feel that this move brings us one step closer to a rationalising of the State League.

"People may argue that there will be some players 'left out' because of this new system.

"That is inevitable, but there are six divisions below us which can cater for those who need more time," Stan added.



"I think too many people are treating the abolition of the third grade as a cost cutting measure and nothing else," said Blacktown's Bill Parkhouse.

"This is wrong, and it is not the most important feature of the concept in my view.

"We mustn't look at it as a way of getting rid of a team, but rather as a means of producing higher quality players for our first teams," he said.

"This will make the second grade a true reserve team.

"Players in second grade will be ones who are either coming back into the first team after injury or a drop in form, or lads promoted from the youth teams.

"The youth team idea is also very important in this scheme.

"The Under 14 and 16 teams will be the kindergartens of the clubs, providing boys who will go to the Under 18 sides.

"What this system will encourage more than anything else is for clubs to wisely choose their players.

"At present they tend to hang on to players, and let them clutter the second grade team, not giving the young lads a go.

"Now they will be forced to look at their playing staff, and choose the quality.

"I hope that this new system is given a fair go by the clubs, and I am sure it will work," Bill said.



"We held a meeting of the club membership last week, and it was decided that we are going to let the ASF know in writing that we intend applying for admittance to the PSL as Croatia Sydney," said Croatia secretary Peter Lukunic.

"Our members felt, as did the management, that we should let the ASF know that we do want to play in the top flight of soccer.

"However, we will not change our name, or be forced to change it.

"We will set out the reasons why we feel our application is a good one.

"We have the support in Sydney, and I am sure we would get good local support wherever we played in Australia.

"Also we have a good ground which can be easily developed into a first class stadium, and we have a solid social club backing us, in the form of the King Tomislav club.

"The name business has been talked about, criticised and abused, not only by club officials, but also by the people that matter - the fans.

"I think that the ASF is far too impatient.

"They should wait, and eventually I am convinced the ethnic clubs will change their names, and their support - their ethnic support - won't be affected," Peter said.

"Eventually even Croatia may change its name when second and third generation migrant children become involved in the club.

"This is what will happen because of evolution, and evolution cannot be hurried without dire consequences," he said.



"Our position on the table looks bad, but pointwise we have done fairly well for the first year in the big time," said a Ku-ring-gai official last week.

"On 19 points we are only 7 out of the top four, and when you also see that we have drawn 9 matches this year, you will realise what might have been.

"Of course that is all speculation - but what we can say is that our youngsters, bolstered by some veterans, have done remarkably well in establishing the club in the State League.

"As far as the restructuring of the State League, I feel that the idea of abolishing third grade has its pros and cons.

"We must consider that third grade does hold some prestige for the players in those teams - more so than Under 18s would hold I feel.

"Of course the financial aspect is one that would appeal to all clubs, and the administrative burden for clubs and the Federation would be relaxed," he said.



Manly officials were disappointed with the team's performance last week, and feel that the conceding of four goals was unforgivable at this stage of the competition.

However, they still feel that there is enough talent in the side to keep the team in the State League.

Manly seems the safest of the 'relegation zone candidates' at present.

They have a game in hand over Arncliffe, who they lead by one point, while Yugal's problems continue.

Their Fijian striker Joe Nawalu keeps on improving in each match, and has scored in his past two outings.

Joe was out of favour for a long time, but now seems to have regained his touch, and the club hopes that perhaps his goalscoring potential may keep the club up.

MY OLYMPIC

With three games remaining, it looks highly unlikely that Marrickville will make the top four.

A club official said last week that they were now looking forward to the new season.

"We have big plans in many areas of the game.

"Firstly we want to work on our ground to improve it dramatically.

"There is the question of floodlights, and also the upgrading of the spectator facilities.

"We also want to try and improve the quality of the playing surface," he said.

"The club started a youth policy this year to get more involved with local junior associations.

"We must try and build up our reservoir of talent so that we don't have to rely totally on the player market to build a team.

"The social club has been a great success this year, and is part of the reason why we are embarking on these ambitious programs.

"We are an ethnic club by origin, and we don't want to abandon our loyal followers.

"But it is obvious that we must also appeal to the locals in the districts surrounding our home ground and social club," he added.



The Queanbeyan-Canberra amalgamation seems to be almost complete.

Both the Marco Polo club of Queanbeyan and the Italo-Australian club of Canberra, look certain to join football forces soon.

"It has come to the stage now where the two clubs are saying that even if our application for the PSL isn't successful, we will still join forces and perhaps play State League," said Monaro's PR Officer, Wendy York.

"The two clubs are very keen on the idea of jointly sponsoring a soccer team in top flight soccer.

"The Italo-Australian club has been the long time backers of West Woden Juventus, one of the top teams in the ACT league," said Wendy.

"And of course, the Marco Polo club has backed Inter Monaro - all the way into the State League.

"The two clubs have the same ethnic base, but also, they have the know-how and the 'go ahead' attitude to broaden that base.

"If we get a team in the PSL, it won't be a purely Italian backed team.

"It will be a team which anyone can support - in fact that will be encouraged.

"If we are not accepted to the PSL, then I hope we will continue in the State League.

"It will be an interesting problem to see whose jurisdiction we come under - the NSW Federation, or the ACT Federation.

"I know our preference would be to remain in the NSW State League.

"Its standard is much higher and with added players from Juventus, I think our combined team could go far," Wendy said.

"One thing at present we haven't solved is the name - but it will be a catchy one, and not another United or City," she said.



"Although we are still slightly stunned by what has happened to our side over the past few weeks, I feel that the team spirit is gradually picking up again," said Melita president Emmanuel Said.

"The boys have been showing good application at trainings, and in recent matches our standard of play has improved.

"Players of the calibre of Hadley and Yamine are now playing with the style and poise we had at the start of the year.

"This must now spread to our forward line, where Don Allan and Ray Farrugia must bear the brunt now that Joe has gone.

"The season is not yet over, and although we are just out of the four, I am again going to stick my neck out and say that we will be there.

"Who would have expected us to be in this position?

"In the SW survey that was conducted recently, nearly every club tipped us to be in the top four.

"Our style of play was bright, we entertained our crowds, and we won matches.

"We know it is only a matter of getting back our confidence, because it is not as if we lost our whole team.

"OK, so we lost the coach, but we are beginning to realise that we must now knuckle down and get on with the job.

"I think our club has a tremendous spirit.

"We will back the team, and I feel that the players will back our faith," he said.

P-MATTA

"All in all I feel that we have done fairly well this year," said a Parramatta City official.

It may take some time for the team to be accepted in the greater Parramatta area, but if the side keeps on playing as it has done this year, then I think that we may be able to get respectable crowds again.

"We have had some great results this year, none more so than the first defeat Croatia

suffered in the season.

"There is something of the old Granville spirit in the club now.

"The social side of the club has picked up under new management, and the team's spirit is lifted as a result.

"We have blended the older fighting qualities of Granville with the ball playing style needed nowadays in soccer, and it has worked well.

"The fighting spirit is not so much just hard tackling, but an iron will to keep trying.

"We don't have a very big side, and it annoys everyone at the club to see reports of how Parramatta busted other teams out of the match.

"With players like Brizuela, Morrow, Frazer and Link, we no longer have to bustle - we can outplay them," he added.

SUTHERLAND

"As was said last week, our club has been building upon young talent for the past few years, and we feel that the proposal for further encouraging young lads is a good one," a Sutherland spokesman said last week.

The lads who are presently making up the third grade sides may feel that they will be redundant.

"But that will not be the case," he said.

"Thos young lads are mostly in the Under 16 age group anyway, so they can still continue playing Federation soccer.

"What will happen is that we will have more lads competing for places in the teams, and therefore the coaches of these sides will be truly able to select the top talent.

"Another aspect of the team reduction that I feel should be looked at is the overall number of teams in the State League.

"It has been said before, but it needs saying again that we have too many teams, creating both a financial and administrative burden on the State League.

"That is the next aspect that needs looking at closely," he said.



"At this stage the club is in favour of the reorganizing of the State League reserve grade sides," said Yugal's Mike Alagich.

"However, we do have reservations about the idea.

"Mainly these have to do with the age restrictions in the reserve teams.

"If the proposal goes ahead as at present arranged, then many good players over 19 will find it hard to play State League soccer.

"Many players are not fully developed until their early 20s and a place for them must be found.

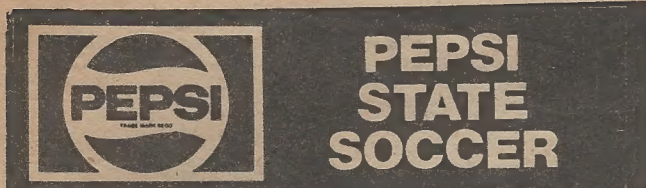
"The number of over 19s should be increased to six - and not four.

"This would allow these players to still remain within the club till they show they can make it in second grade, and then eventually the first team.

"Our big worry now, though, is staying in the State League.

"With four games to go for us we are confident of being safe.

"The last round of the competition could virtually be the decider - as we play Arncliffe in a match that couldn't have been better stage managed," Mike said.



AVALA v MONARO 3-5(2-2)

Monaro strengthened their top four spot when they won a high-scoring game against Avala. Leading Pepsi League scorer Walter Valeri added four goals to his tally, and three penalties were awarded in the game. Tony Morsello put Monaro ahead in the third minute when he hooked a shot in from six metres. One minute later Monaro were awarded a penalty for handball and Valeri converted. Mladen Rnjak reduced the arrears for Avala in the 9th minute when he scored with an 18-metre shot. Avala drew level in the 22nd minute through Gary Moorcroft. Valeri put Monaro ahead again just after half-time, scoring again in the 58th minute from the penalty spot. Two minutes later Rnjak was sent off for alleged striking. Valeri scored his fourth in the

63rd minute with a great low 20-metre shot. Zoran Djuricic scored from the penalty spot for Avala in the 77th minute after receiving a push in the back from Bob Noble.
AVALA: Ahrens 3, G. Bateman 4, Patterson 2 (Deller 67m), Barton 3, R. Griffith 3, N. Williams 4, Djuricic 4, Rnjak 1 (Sent-off), Young 3, Kodor 3, Moorcroft 3 (A. Griffith 80m).
MONARO: Palec 3, Crawford 3, Charles 3, Noble 4, O'Neill 4, Falzon 3, Morsello 3, Bourke 2, Giampaolo 4, Valeri 5, Trajanoski 2 (Heywood 65m).
Goals: 0-1 Morsello (3m), 0-2 Valeri (pen. 4m), 1-2 Rnjak (9m), 2-2 Moorcroft (22m), 2-3 Valeri (58m pen.), 2-4 Valeri (63m), 3-4 Djuricic (77m pen.), 3-5 Valeri (63m).
Referee: G. King. **Crowd:** 563.

— G. Streeter

BLACKTOWN v PARRAMATTA 2-0(1-0)

Blacktown's 2-0 win came in an electrifying match at Gabbie Stadium. Both sides played fast, open football, and it was only a 32nd minute penalty taken by Dave Harding that put Blacktown ahead 1-0 at the break. The second half belonged to Blacktown. Parramatta were unable to crack the Blacktown defence, and Blacktown's midfield gained dominance primarily due to the strength of Gary Thompson, which in turn gave their strikers more confidence. Izatt, Pearson, Hormazabal and Harding tore the Parramatta defence apart to give the crowd a treat. They were not rewarded until the 73rd minute when replacement forward Alan Fisher

walked through three tackles and slotted the ball past Parramatta's keeper Ian Barker, who later completely defied the opposition with some class goalkeeping.
BLACKTOWN: James 4, Pena 5, Taylor 3, Pointer 4, Parkhouse 3, Hormazabal 5, Harding 3, Thompson 5, Izatt 4, Benito de Valle 4 (Fisher 72m), Pearson 3.
PARRAMATTA: J. Barker 5, Barron 4, Biglands 4, Lackey 3, Selfridge 3, G. Barker 3, Morrow 3, Link 3, Mitchell 4, Brizuela 3, Harvey 4.
Goals: 1-0 Harding (pen. 32m), 2-0 Fisher (73m).
Referee: B. Fowler. **Crowd:** 583.

— E. Morrison.

MANLY v AUBURN 1-4(1-1)

Auburn ran out easy victors with a burst of second-half scoring. They grabbed an early lead when Tilt won himself a giveaway goal after Cassettari dropped a cross ball in the 8th minute. This was the start of an unhappy game for Cassettari, who lost a tooth but decided to play on. Manly held their own in the first 45 minutes, keeping a good territorial advantage, and pulling back to 1-1 when Nawalu put his shot through Gisbourne's legs. In the second half Auburn attacked at every real chance to pile on three more goals. Cornett started Manly's demise in the 51st minute, sliding the ball inside the far post after positioning himself clear

of the defence. Cassettari let two further goals in from Montgomery and Fairclough.
MANLY: Cassettari 2 (van Leeuwen 74m), Symonds 3, Doyle 3, Dick 2, Townsend 3, Stuart 4, Chapman 4, Jack 2, Nawalu 3, McVeigh 2 (Wilson 77m), Palamara 2.
AUBURN: Gisbourne 3, Cornett 4 (Peters 63m), Fairclough 4, George 3, McCranor 4, Juchniewicz 4, Field 3, McDonald 3, Tilt 4, Leak 4 (Hoysted 77m), Montgomery 4.
Goals: 0-1 Tilt (8m), 1-1 Nawalu (33m), 1-2 Cornett (51m), 1-3 Montgomery (59m), 1-4 Fairclough (74m).
Referee: K. Small. **Crowd:** 290.

— G. Bashford

CROATIA v KU-RING-GAI 1-0(0-0)

Croatia did just enough to take both points, making sure that the inept Ku-ring-gai forward line did not get close enough to score. Despite an enormous territorial advantage Croatia never put their game together with any fluency or drive, and only Cootes and Sullivan appeared to be giving a 100% effort. Ku-ring-gai defended solidly, with Chambers outstanding, but their non-existent midfield allowed Croatia to keep the pressure on all day. Ku-ring-gai's occasional foray into attack produced little, but they could have taken a shock lead just before half-time had their forwards been quick enough when Watson

dropped the ball after a Herron freekick. Cootes scored the all-important goal in the 60th minute when he snapped up a rebound off the post from a long Dudaric drive.
CROATIA: Watson 3, Basic 2, Mullen 3, Vidacic 3, Smith 3, Cagali 2, Sullivan 2 (Rezo 75m), Dudaric 2, Abonyi 2, M. Kovacic 3, Cootes 3.
KU-RING-GAI: Taylor 3, Birchell 3, Hogg (sent off) 1, Robertson 2, Chambers 3, Voudsen 2 (Hill 75m), Beach 2, Hardaker 2, Herron 2, Firrell 3, K. Smith 2.
Goal: 1-0 Cootes (60m).
Referee: B. Wilkinson. **Crowd:** 1710.

— R. Dewick.

MARRICKVILLE v ARNCLIFFE 2-0(0-0)

In a somewhat scrappy match, Marrickville Olympic won by two goals, but it was not an inspiring victory. The first goal came in the 11th minute when Terry Thompson latched on to a cross from Steve Kable and gave the goalkeeper no chance with a fierce drive. After withstanding long periods of second half pressure by Arncliffe, the match was sewn up four minutes from the end when Ross Brown scored. Relegation-haunted Arncliffe received little comfort from this game and are now in dire straights. Had they possessed more steadiness and power in the forwards they might easily have

salvaged a point if not two. They were persistent in the second half, with midfielders Rex Perry and Andy Tracey doing a lot of good work.
MARRICKVILLE: El Zein 4, G. Brown 5, Doyle 3, Penman 4, Sheldrick 3, Kable 3, Bosganos 3 (Binos 85m), Wignall 4, R. Brown 3, Thompson 4, Ramisch 3.
ARNCLIFFE: Rogers 3, Campbell 4, Blackburn 3, Smart 3, Hall 3, Perry 4, Oldham 3, Tracey 4, Sidey 3, Marchant 2 (Schroeder 70m), Muscovits 3.
Goals: 1-0 Thompson (11m), 2-0 R. Brown (86m).
Referee: G. Warne. **Crowd:** 228.

— E. De Mesquita.

SUTHERLAND v BANKSTOWN 2-3(0-1)

Injury to John Stoddart caused Sutherland to play Paul Smith, and Mark Harrington joined the defence. This took the bite out of the front line, where Craig Hall was active. Bankstown led 1-0 at half-time, and 10 minutes into the second half Bankstown scored twice. The first was a penalty and this shook Sutherland into action. They reacted strongly, and scored twice through Peter Beggs within the space of one minute. It was all Sutherland from then on. Time was against them, and in spite of the many attacks they

became over anxious and could not pull the game out of the fire by getting an equaliser.
SUTHERLAND: Craggs 2, Hesford 3, Wykes 3, Schumann 3, Basterfield 4, R. Smith 4, Meades 4, Hall 5, Beggs 5, P. Smith 2, Harrington.
BANKSTOWN: O'Neill 4, Thompson 3, Lynch 4, Beater 3, C. Rootsey 3, Peck 2, Porter 3, Lee 4, Butler 4, Daley 5, Wilson 5.
Goals: 0-1 Daley pen., 0-2 Porter, 0-3 Porter, 1-3 Beggs, 2-3 Beggs.
Referee: W. Phelps. **Crowd:** 350.

— R. De La Scerri

MELITA v YUGAL 2-1(2-1)

Top performances from midfielder Collin McAusland and striker Donny Allan kept Melita Eagles in the race of snatching a place in the semis. The Eagles won the game in the opening 10 minutes of power football which had the Yugal defence on its knees, scoring the two goals and missing at least another two. However, after this initial burst, the Eagles were struggling just as much as their bottom of the table opponents in a game which produced some very good football from both teams. Don Allan showed his skills right from the kick-off when he raced to the left corner flag before sending a perfect pass for Parker who failed to connect by inches. However, the alert fast moving Allan opened the score soon after from a pass by Collin McAusland who incidentally also engineered the second goal for Parker

to make amends for his earlier miss. Although two goals down so early, Yugal fought back gamely and it was just reward for Hector Martinez who had a top game for the losers, to score their only goal. Despite the loss, Yugal were not disgraced and never looked like a team fighting for their life as they moved the ball about just as well as their opponents.
MELITA: Bracklow 2, McDonald 4, Mikas 4, Yamine 4, Hadley 3, Darvill 3, Parker 3, McAusland 4, Allan 4, Griffiths 3 (Farrugia 70m), Jones 3.
YUGAL: Berry 4, Delaney 3, Radovac 4 (Kumar 85m), Klemperer 3, Prgomelja 3, Roads 4, Travini 3, Tanoski 3, Morsello 3 (Coton 70m), Martinez 4, Karanfilovski 4.
Goals: 1-0 Allan (5m), 2-0 Parker (10m), 2-1 Martinez (27m).
Referee: T. Davies. **Crowd:** 1672.

— C. Spiteri

MONARO TO STAY NEAR THE PEAK

— By Keith Gilmour —

With Croatia recording their third State League championship win in a row, the scene is now set for a semifinal battle par excellence.

Heading the bill is Wednesday night's Sutherland v Blacktown encounter at Seymour Shaw Park, with the Ku-ring-gai v Yugal game — once postponed because of the referees' boycott — at Englefield the same night having a special significance for Yugal's survival chances.

Blacktown City, with former Soccerroo Dave Harding, Rick Hormazabal and Jim Izatt in great shape, are in with a chance.

While they have found form at the right moment, Sutherland have John Stoddart back with his steadying influence.

Second on the table are Monaro and they have every right to be confident that they will reach the semifinals.

Melita, Blacktown, Avala and perhaps Auburn all have a

chance to qualify.

This weekend Auburn will meet Parramatta in a Saturday game at the Gabbie Stadium.

Bob Wall's Parramatta boys have nothing to lose.

With Ian Barker excelling in goal, they should be good for at least one point.

At Marco Polo, Queanbeyan, Monaro look the winners against Arncliffe though it's fair to say that Arncliffe's

Derek Sidey, Paul Campbell and Rex Perry are in good enough form to trouble any side.

Marrickville Olympic, with Greg Brown, often going forward bravely from a fullback position, still have to improve their game if they are to trouble Sutherland at Arlington.

The match at Cromer Park, Manly-Ku-ring-gai, is all important for the home team in view of the three-way relegation struggle also in-

volving Arncliffe and Yugal.

Last week's giant killers Bankstown have a chance to repeat their act against Blacktown City at the Soccer Centre.

Yugal host Croatia at Concord Oval in a game which is certain to pull in the customers.

A win for either Melita or Avala at Garside Park will see one or the other sink in the semifinal race.

At this stage, Melita have a slim one point advantage.

PEPSI TOP SCORERS

VALERI (Monaro).....	25
ALLAN (Melita).....	18
ABONYI (Croatia).....	16
BEGGS (Sutherland).....	14
HALL (Sutherland).....	12
DALEY (Bankstown).....	12
MONTGOMERY (Auburn).....	12
SAVOR (Croatia).....	11
FISHER (Toongabbie).....	11
SIDEY (Arncliffe).....	10
RAMISCH (Marrickville).....	9
GIAMPAOLO (Monaro).....	9
FIRRELL (Ku-ring-gai).....	9
R. BROWN (Marrickville).....	9
SULLIVAN (Croatia).....	9

NSW FIRST DIVISION

— By Charles Spiteri —

Three goals by Brad Mitchell gained four points for North Sydney who are now only four points behind competition leaders St. George who dropped a point against APIA.

Mitchell scored the two goals Norths won by against tailenders Queens Park and he also scored the first goal against Sydney City, a game which nearly ended in a mess.

City lost goalkeeper Pezzano in the second half sent off by the referee, and they also collected four yellow cards and at one time had only seven men on the field.

It was a hard fought match which Norths eventually won by the odd goal.

In other games, leaders St. George lost their composure against APIA and only snatched a point with two minutes to spare, scored by replacement Chris Townsend.

Feature of this match was a top performance by talented youngster David Skeen who really excelled in midfield.

On Saturday, Belmore scored a surprise win against Nepean with the odd goal in five with top performances from Belmore fullback Peter Hawthorne and midfielder Neil Clarke.

But despite their loss, Nepean doubled up on Sunday to score a surprise victory over Revesby and the only goal scored by Ian Hunter.

Wollongong kept up the pace in third place with a late goal win over Blacktown.

SYDNEY CITY	1
NORTH SYDNEY	2

Goals: Miladinski, Mitchell, Richards.

Sydney City: Pezzano, Poulton, Gomez, Rogers, Fonsica, Borges, Sarge, Illingworth, Silva, Miladinski, Svnos (Dickinson). **Coach:** J. Hughes.

North Sydney: Lilli, Falch Walker, Mitchell, J. Bottalico, Miller, Henratty, A. Bottalico, (Martinuzzi), Richards, Leyden, O'Rourke. **Coach:** P. Bottalico.

QUEENS PARK	0
NORTH SYDNEY	2

Goals: Mitchell (2).

Queens Park: Not available.
North Sydney: Lilli, Falch, Walker, Miller, J. Bottalico, Mitchell (Martinuzzi), Henratty, A. Bottalico, Richards (Maironana), Leyden, O'Rourke. **Coach:** P. Bottalico.

BELMORE	3
NEPEAN	2

Goals: D. Yaager, Hawthorne, McMullen, Lemanczyk, Thomas.

Belmore: Hines, Hawthorne, Cruger, Clarke, D. Yaager, J.

Yaager, De Mestre, Elder, McMullen, Morasso, Frakes. **Coach:** D. Yaager.
Nepean: Libro, Dunn, Manning, G. Thoms, Demattia, Campbell, Yousiph, Hunter, Hood, Lemanczyk (K. Thoms). **Coach:** D. Adrigan.

WOLLONGONG	1
BLACKTOWN	0

Wollongong: Not available.
Blacktown: Bonnici, Ramisch, Vincent, Sutton (Young), Eldridge, Clarke, Burtenshaw, Svarc, Murray, Milakovic, Boland. **Coach:** C. James.

POLONIA	0
WARRINGAH	0

Polonia: Greenfield, O'Donovan, Fitzsimmons, Carruthers, T. Rylands, Pietrzyk, Oag, McRory (Wozniczka), Sookee, Bradley (Strzelecki), A. Budini. **Coach:** S. Wozniczka.

Warringah: Dean, B. Beverley, Potts, Jagger, Hiscock, Gordon, Scott, Carpenter, Collings, Clancey, Duncan. **Coach:** J. Van Der Wal.

SYDNEY CITY	2
SYDNEY OLYMPIC	1

Goals: Borges (2).
Sydney City: Poulton, McGrouther, Whiteman, Rogers, Fonsica, Borges, Illingworth, Sarge, Dickinson (Silva), Miladinski, Svnos. **Coach:** J. Hughes.

Sydney Olympic: Not available.

ST. GEORGE	1
APIA	1

Goals: Townsend, Trianfyllou. **St. George:** Wotten, Holmik, M.O'Shea, Clarke, Terry, Groome, Dale, Skeen, Matic (Townsend), Davis (Fraser), Barton. **Coach:** T. Zuckerman.

APIA: Radjovic, Jordan, Dawson, Pappas, Costa, Palmer, Trianfyllou, Dalton, Galtatzis, Samuels, Cascone. **Coach:** R. Ferguson.

REVESBY	0
NEPEAN	1

Goal: Hunter.
Revesby: Donovan, Patterson, Hargreaves, Adams, Pittman, Byles, Gill, Power, Copaz, McGovern, Mackin. **Coach:** G. Byles.

Nepean: Harris, May, Hobart, G. Thoms, Campbell, Demattia (K. Thoms), Thomas, Dunn (Hood), Hunter, Rasmussen, Manning. **Coach:** D. Adrigan.

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Monaro v Arncliffe.....Marco Polo
Mv. Olympic v Sutherland.....Arlington
Manly v Ku-Ring-Gai.....Cromer Park
Bankstown v Blacktown City.....Soccer Centre
Yugal v Croatia.....Concord Oval
Melita v Avala.....Garside Park

FIRST DIVISION

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Belmore v St. George.....Barton Park
Sydney Olympic v Marconi.....Ersleville
Nth. Sydney Inter v Polonia.....North Sydney
APIA v Wollongong.....Berkeley

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Blacktown v Revesby.....Francis Park
Warringah v Sydney City.....Boondah Reserve
Nepean v Uni. of NSW.....Cook Park
Marconi v Belmore.....Marconi Stadium

PEPSI STATE LEAGUE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Manly v Bankstown.....Cromer Park
Avala v Ku-Ring-Gai.....Knight Park
Sutherland v Parramatta.....Seymour Shaw Park
Croatia v Marrickville Olympic.....Arlington
Blacktown City v Yugal.....Gabbie Stadium
Melita Eagles v Inter Monaro.....Garside Park

FIRST DIVISION

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Univ. of NSW v Blacktown.....David Phillips
St. George v Syd. Olympic.....Barton Park
Queens Park v Polonia.....Guildford Park

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Revesby v APIA.....Milperra Reserve
Wollongong v Belmore.....Berkeley
Marconi v Warringah.....Marconi Stadium
North Sydney Inter v Sydney City.....Guildford
Polonia v Queens Park.....Chopin Park
Nepean.....Bye

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COKE CUP IN JAPAN COMPLETE SUCCESS

—From Peter Bent—

TOKYO—It will be a Europe — South America final here later this week for the FIFA/Coca-Cola World Youth Cup.

On Tuesday (after SW' deadline—Ed.) Poland will play the defending champions USSR and favorites Argentina will meet their neighbours and ancient rivals Uruguay in the two semifinals.

In the quarterfinals, before 8,500 spectators at Kobe, the USSR beat Paraguay 6-5 on penalty kicks after they had failed to break a 2-2 tie in 20 minutes of extra time which followed their regulation 80 minutes.

Poland defeated Spain 4-3 also on penalty kicks after they had failed to score in 80 minutes of play plus the 20 minutes of extra time.

This match was played at Omiya, just outside Tokyo, and was watched by 10,000 spectators.

Uruguay eliminated Portugal 1-0 before 4,000 spectators at Yokohama, as Ruben Paz broke a scoreless tie three minutes into extra time.

A crowd of 20,000 at Tokyo's National Stadium saw the brilliant Argentina rout Algeria 5-0 in the fourth quarterfinal game.

Ramon Diaz scored a hat-trick for the second time in the tournament: his goals came after 38, 50 and 65 minutes.

Diego Maradona, Argentina's "Wonder Boy" and Gabriel Calderon got the other two goals.

Paraguay led the USSR 2-1 at halftime. Jaroslav Dumansky gave the Soviets a 1-0 lead in the second minute but Julio Romero equalised four minutes later from a freekick.

Julio Achucarro scored for Paraguay after 21 minutes but midfielder Igor Ponomarev saved the night for the USSR in the 70th minute, sending the game into extra time.

Overall, the second Cup tournament has been a tremendous success.

The standard of soccer has also been extremely good with quite a number of future world stars on view.

After the preliminary elimination rounds, these 8 teams reached the quarterfinals:

Group A: Spain and Algeria; Group B: Poland and Argentina; Group C: Paraguay and Portugal; Group D: Uruguay and USSR.

The tournament started with a tremendous upset when Canada beat Portugal 3-1 at Kobe, in the second match of the day in the same venue, Paraguay easily beat South Korea 3-0, before 13,000 spectators.

Meanwhile, in Group A, Mexico and Algeria played a 1-1 draw in Tokyo's National Stadium, in pouring rain. For the second match the rain stopped and Spain defeated Japan 1-0 before 20,000 fans.

Spain beat Mexico then for its second victory in the tournament and to become the first to reach the quarterfinals.

A crowd of 30,000 saw Jose Joaquin give Spain a 1-0 lead after seven minutes. Mexico's Mario Diaz scored after 55 minutes and Luis Miguel Gall made it 2-1 for Spain in the 66th.

In Group C, before 5,000 spectators at the Kobe Chuo stadium, Portugal caused something of an upset by beating Paraguay 1-0.

Paraguay, after their easy 3-0 win over South Korea, were well held until Portugal's Rui Nascimento (what an illustrious name—PELE's) netted after 22 minutes and the score then remained unchanged.

In the other game at Kobe, South Korea beat Canada 1-0. Lee Tae Ho scored in the 62nd minute.

Uruguay had no problem defeating Guinea 5-0 at Yokohama.

In the second match at the same venue, the USSR whacked Hungary 5-1, after a 1-1 first half. Kardos scored for Hungary first but then the strong Russians surged forward.

First Ponomarev equalised, then in a second half burst added four more through Stukashev, Zavarov and twice through Oleg Taran, the best player on view.

Argentina, coached by Luis Cesar Menotti, who had led them to a World Cup triumph last year, overwhelmed Indonesia, winning 5-0 in Group B match at Omiya.

Argentina scored all goals in the first half, then coasted till the end. Ramon Diaz scored a hat-trick and Diego Maradona, the most talked about Argentine star, got the other two.

Also at Omiya, Poland beat Yugoslavia 2-0 with goals by Andrzej Palasz and Krzysztof Frankowski, both in the second half.

Uruguay had no problem with Guinea in its 4-0 win over Guinea; Hector Molina, Daniel Revelez, Ruben Paz and Ernesto Vargas got the goals.

Then the tournament continued with the elimination of Yugoslavia. A brilliant goal by Osvaldo Escudero in the 54th minute gave Argentina a 1-0 win over the Yugoslavs.

A crowd of 15,000 at Omiya watched this exciting game. Poland reached the quarterfinals from Group B by beating Indonesia 6-0, also at Omiya.

The USSR and Uruguay—the South American champions—also earned their tickets to the quarterfinals from Group D with their second victories at Yokohama, in front of 4,000 spectators.

The Soviets defeated Guinea 3-0 while Uruguay beat Hungary 2-0.

The Argentina v Yugoslavia match was a classic. The determined Yugoslavs attacked aggressively and held the upper hand in the first half, sending 12 shots at goal against Argentina's three.

But it was a different story in the second half when the Argentinians gave a stunning display of their superior technique and repeatedly threatened to score.

Escudero dribbled past two Yugoslavs and smashed the ball wide of the Yugoslav goalie Ivkovic in the 54th minute.

Argentina's Ruben Rossi made a great save in the 38th minute with a scissors kick on his goal-line off Zvonko Vargas's shot. Varga was seen in Australia earlier this year with Partizan Belgrade.

Ernesto Vargas gave Uruguay a 1-0 lead over Hungary in the 22nd minute and Ruben Paz got the second one in the 35th minute. With this second defeat, Hungary's fate was sealed.

Poland had an easy time beating Indonesia, leading 5-0 at halftime. Andrzej Palasz scored twice as did Krzysztof Baran while the fifth goal fell to Jan Janiec and the sixth to Kazimierz Buda.



New super-star Diego Maradona.

In the last elimination round Algeria beat Spain 1-0, before an amazing 38,000 spectators, at the Tokyo National Stadium. A goal by central striker Derradji Bendjaballah in the 14th minute gave the Algerians a quarterfinal berth.

At Kobe, Paraguay swamped Canada 3-0 in front of 7,500 spectators. Paraguay led 2-0 in the first half with goals by the brilliant Julio Romero—Australia's tormentor earlier this year in Asuncion—and another one by Ramon Isasi. Romero then added a third after 57 minutes.

Later at the same stadium Portugal gained the other quarterfinal spot from Group C after a scoreless draw against South Korea.

On the last day of the elimination round, Uruguay sprung a surprise by upsetting the USSR, the defending champions, 1-0 at Mitsuzawa stadium, Yokohama and clinched first place in their group.

Daniel Martinez broke the deadlock in the 65th minute with a well taken goal. Uruguay have not conceded a single goal in their three preliminary round games—shades of their greats of yesteryear such as Monti, Andrade and Santamaria, some of the world's best all-time defenders.

Argentina also finished the preliminaries on a high note, routing the previously unbeaten Poland 4-1 at Omiya in front of 12,500 fans.

Argentina led 3-1 at halftime. Maradona got the first goal, taking a freekick from Juan Mezza and sending an unstoppable swerving shot past the pole-axed Polish goalie. Gabriel Calderon grabbed two and Juan Simon one of the remaining Argentinian goals while Poland's scorer was Andrzej Palasz.

Hungary scored its first win over Guinea at Yokohama, winning 2-0 while in the late game at the same venue Yugoslavia outclassed Indonesia 5-0.

Hungary's scorers were Sandor Segesvari and Gyorgy Kerepeczky while the Yugoslav goals were credited to Nedeljko Milosavljevic (2), Marko Milanovic (2) and Haris Smajic.

Luton Town, in the English second division, are changing their strip again, this time to an all-white with an orange and blue side-stripe. Earlier they played in black and white and then in a bright orange jersey.

Derby's ex-international winger Gordon Hill is uncertain about his future with the club, following the departure of the previous manager and his mentor for many years, Tommy Docherty. "I hope the new boss Colin Addison will want me as I'd like to stay," he said.

The brilliant Scottish defender Danny McGrain says that coaches are too often bamboozling young players with too much talk of sweepers, target men and systems. "When I was their age, we used to play on the streets with jackets as goalposts. But we learned to play."

Once Nottingham manager Brian Clough decided that he wanted Asa Hartford for his team, he wasn't pussyfooting with him. "Sign for us now or never," Clough told him and the flattered and flabbergasted Hartford did just that.

This year's national championship in Brazil will consist of 84 teams, between them playing a total of 470 matches on 31 dates from August 26 to December 16. Clubs from Rio, Sao Paulo, Minas Gerais, Pernambuco, Bahia and Rio Grande do Sul will enter the competition at the semifinal stages.

Now that Johan Neeskens is settled with the New York Cosmos, it has been revealed that earlier Arsenal had offered him a two-year contract worth \$400,000. However, with Cosmos he has \$500,000 a year for five years—and a much lower tax scales.

Sheffield United's Argentinian star Alejandro Sabella may leave the club and join another outfit, probably in the first division instead of staying put in the third. Sabella's views on English soccer make interesting reading. "What everybody is saying is true—Argentinian players are superior to the British in terms of skill and ball control. On the other hand, the British game is much faster and stronger. A few weeks ago, while on holidays, I went to see my old team-mates at River Plate and I couldn't get over how slow they looked."

The popular London weekly "SHOOT" has just celebrated its 10th anniversary. It has also changed editors: David Gregory has stepped up to be managing editor in charge of a group of publications and his successor at the helm of the weekly is now Peter Stewart. Let's hope this excellent English magazine will now successfully shoot for the next 10 years.

The Eire FA has agreed to a demand by the Players' Union and negotiated a new deal. Any player over the age of 33 who has given his club five years consecutive service and is not under current contract, will become a free agent.

John Toshack, 30, is now the youngest manager in the Football League, being player-manager of Swansea City.

The buying and selling of clubs in America is part and parcel of the game. Now the Rochester Lancers may be sold to a large brewery in Montreal for next season; they could be the fourth Canadian club in the NASL. Which brings us to a point we raised last year in SOCCER WORLD: Why can't the PSL include one or two of the top New Zealand teams?

Former England star Alan Ball is now playing for the Vancouver Whitecaps and is high among the goals again, after a fairly arid period with the Philadelphia Furries.

FC St. Pauli, the second division West German club from a Hamburg suburb has gone into liquidation: it had a debt of \$900,000.

How is that for a gesture: the players of Hamburg (Keegan et al) have bought a new Mercedes car for their masseur who does not get any of the normal bonuses.

Mohamed Ali Aqid, 30, who played for Tunisia in the 1978 World Cup finals and then moved to Saudi Arabia, has died of a heart attack.

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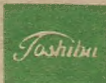
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